



Public Health Committee
Public Hearing Wednesday February 22, 2017
10:30 AM in Room 1D of the LOB
HB 6025 An Act Concerning Medical Assistants
Porter and Chester Institute

Good Morning Co-Chairs; Senator Gerratana, Senator Somers, Representative Steinberg and members of the public health committee, thank you.

We are submitting this testimony in support of House Bill 6025 An Act Concerning Medical Assistants.

Porter and Chester is an occupational training school based in Connecticut for over 70 years with locations in Connecticut and Massachusetts. We have Connecticut campuses in Branford, Enfield, Rocky Hill, Stratford, and Waterbury providing post-secondary occupational education in a variety of sectors including the medical field and specifically medical assisting. Our medical Assisting programs are programmatically accredited by the **ACCREDITING BUREAU OF HEALTH EDUCATION SCHOOLS** recognized by the United States Department of Education.

Our mission is to support committed students in achieving the technical and professional skills essential for their chosen career through industry-modeled, student-centered education and training. Porter and Chester Institute has long worked in coordination with ProHealth and other physicians' offices throughout Connecticut to provide our graduates employment opportunities in the medical field. We focus on filling the jobs pipeline with well-trained graduates with technical competency in their chosen field.

We agree that these marginal expansions to skills and training will provide better access to health care while helping to manage costs. In addition to benefiting patients these skills will add to the value of these trained medical assistants in the workforce.

These changes will allow medical assistants to better support the doctors and the advanced practice clinicians they work under the direct supervision of. These skills make sense when provided under direct supervision.

We urge your support of this legislation.

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